## MEDICAL.

(Nos. 223 to 232).

SUBJECT No. 223.

Touring Hospital Assistants.

Mr. Siddegowda, Mudgere Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—(*a*) Hospital Assistants are now appointed only in Taluk headquarters and other large towns. No relief is afforded thereby to people in rural parts. There is considerable mortality among the villagers in the malnad tracts from the effects of enlarged spleen, bronchitis and other diseases peculiar to the malnad. Villagers find it hard to go to distant hospitals to get the required treatment and therefore stay away in their homes and die. A travelling Hospital Assistant may be attached to each dispensary established in malnad places so that he may go round villages regularly and administer medicine to patients.

*Reply of Government.*—The system of appointing touring Hospital Assistants was tried more than once and was not found successful. As funds become available more dispensaries and vaidyasalas will be established.

SUBJECT No. 224.

Reduction of registers in hospitals.

Mr. Srikantaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

*Summary of discussion.*—There are no less than thirty-three registers to be maintained in hospitals every day. This takes away a good deal of time of the Hospital Assistants in dispensaries and they hardly find time to attend to their patients. Government may be pleased to reduce the number of registers to be maintained in hospitals and to reduce the clerical work.

*Reply of Government.*—Hospital Assistants are not as heavily burdened with clerical work as represented.

SUBJECT No. 225.

Vaidyasalas at Bangalore and Mysore.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—If vaidyasalas are attached to the General Hospitals at Bangalore and Mysore to teach students Kannada books on English medicine and also easy English medical books, there will be a large number of trained doctors in rural parts. The scheme may be sanctioned early, as Government help is indispensable in this case.

*Reply of Government.*—The results of the working of the Ayurvedic College which has recently been established may be awaited. The proposal is not feasible.